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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 44th and 46th meetings, on 19 and 22 December 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (A/C.5/48/40) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/48/773). Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.44 and 46).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/48/L.19

3. At its 46th meeting, on 22 December, the representative of Japan introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum on Western Sahara" (A/C.5/48/L.19).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.19 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly, in accordance with the framework set out in its resolution 48/227 of 23 December 1993, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of seventeen peace-keeping operations 1/ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ and concurring with the observations of the Advisory Committee, decides, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of 9,586,500 United States dollars gross (9,064,500 dollars net) from the unencumbered balance of the appropriation for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1994.

1/ A/C.5/48/40.

2/ A/48/773 and A/48/778.